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SUBJ: 20TH COUNCIL MEETING

1. THAI FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI CHUNHAWAN, CHAIRMAN FOR 20TH COUNCIL MEETING, HAS TOYED WITH THE IDEA OF HOSTING A BRIEF INFORMAL GATHERING OF OTHER COUNCIL MINISTERS OVER A DRINK THE EVENING OF 23 SEPTEMBER. CHATCHAI BELIEVES THIS COUNCIL MEETING IS OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE AND IS ANXIOUS TO HAVE A PRIVATE DISCUSSION TO CLEAR UP ANY MATTERS WHICH MAY NEED RESOLVING PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING ON MORNING OF 24 SEPTEMBER.

2. RECOGNIZING SUCH A MEETING MAY PROVE INFEASIBLE OWING TO CONFLICTING ENGAGEMENTS, CHATCHAI IS PROPOSING AS AN ALTERNATIVE, THAT THAI COUNCIL REP, PHAEN WANNAMETHI, HOST A SIMILAR GATHERING WITH OTHER COUNCIL REPS UNDER A SUITABLE VENUE EVENING OF 23 SEPTEMBER. WE UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT CHATCHAI PLANS TO JOIN THE COUNCIL REPS AND IS HOPEFUL THAT ANY MINISTERS WHO ARE AVAILABLE MIGHT DO LIKEWISE.

3. IF THIS GATHERING COMES TO PASS, I WILL OF COURSE ATTEND AND IT DOES NOT APPEAR AT THIS MOMENT THAT THERE WILL BE UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS REQUIRING THE SECRETARY'S PRESENCE.

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